

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1656
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Serial No.: 10/500,936)	Confirmation No. 1489
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Filed: March 25, 2005)	
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Response to Final Office Action Mailed October 29, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2007 and in support of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made. Applicant also hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to submit a Response. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided beginning on page 3. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 4.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).